

## *Criteria for Exemption of Mercury-Added Products*

The following mercury-added products are banned from sale, offer for sale and distribution within the state of California. Various exemptions or exclusions may be applicable. For more information, please contact Jay Cross at 916 324 5772 or [jcross@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jcross@dtsc.ca.gov).

Effective Date of Ban	Mercury Added-Product	Health and Safety Code	Available Exemptions or Exclusions
1/1/2006	Mercury-Added Thermostat	25214.8.2(a) or (b)	Mercury-added thermostats used for manufacturing or industrial purposes or used by a blind or visually impaired person are excluded from this ban.
7/1/2006	Barometer Bougie Tube Esophageal Dilator Flow meter Gastrointestinal tube Hygrometer Manometer Psychrometer Pyrometer Sphygmomanometer Thermometer	25214.8.3(b)	These products are excluded from this ban when it is required by federal law or federal contract specification or when the mercury added product is a button cell battery.
7/1/2006	Mercury switch or relay	25214.8.4(b)	A mercury switch or relay is exempt when used as a <b>replacement component</b> of a larger product in use prior to <b>July 1, 2006</b> . The larger product must be used in manufacturing or the switch or relay is integrated and not physically separate from other components in the larger product.
		25214.8.4(c)	These products are exempt from this ban when it is required by federal law or federal contract specification.
		25214.8.4(d)	A switch or relay is exempt from this ban if it contains less than 1 milligram of mercury and the manufacturer provides notification to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) every three years.
		25214.8.4(e)	This ban does not apply to the resale or refurbishment of imaging and therapy system utilized for medical diagnosis upon notification of DTSC.
		25214.8.5	If there is no technically feasible alternative available at reasonable cost, a manufacturer or trade group may apply for an exemption for the use of a mercury-added switch or relay by entering into a reimbursement agreement with DTSC.
1/1/2008	Mercury diostats	25214.8.6	No exemptions apply.